GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF COMPUTERS
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether sale of computers has slowed down in India in comparison to Global trends during the first half of 2000- 2001;

(b) if so, facts thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to ascertain the comparative cost of computers in India and other countries;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) whether the National I.T. Task Force has made any suggestions to tackle the high cost of computers in the country; and

(f) if so, details thereof and corrective measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) and (f): Yes, Sir.

The National Task Force on InformationTechnology and Software Development, set up by the Prime Minister`s Office in May, 1998 suggested various measures for lowering the cost of computers in the country. These measures are reduction of custom duty to zero % on inputs such as Storage devices, Integrated Circuits, colour graphic display tubes, deflection components for colour monitors, Parts of computers and stepper motors etc., Ministry of Finance, Governmentof India had already reduced the custom duty to zero % on these items except Parts of computers and stepper motors on which the duty is 5%.